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Of the funds available to the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Committee directs that \$500,000 be applied to the STARGATE program and that the current 10 billets remain assigned to the program. The Committee requests that funds be applied roughly equally to foreign assessment, research and operational viewing. The Committee is concerned that Congressional direction in the past regarding the solicitation of users across the NFIP and DoD and development of joint programs with the Russians and Chinese has only been sporadically pursued. The Committee remains perplexed by the obvious reluctance of support on the part of the DIA leadership for this program.

It believes,

for example, that liaison activities by program personnel and the personnel of similar programs in other nations should be pursued and does not accept the excuse that this somehow compromises US intelligence activities. The Committee also believes that the time has come for a re-evaluation of the classification of the existence of this effort as well as the results that have been obtained over time. If the DIA has difficulty filling the billets that have been set aside for this activity by DIA personnel, consideration should be given to using them for liaison purposes with appropriate user organizations. Thus, the Committee wishes renewed effort on the part of DIA to pursue the following work schedule in FY 95:

- ♦ The DCI is requested to construct a retrospective review and technical analysis of the data that has been produced by the program since its inception 20 years ago. This includes an inventory and analysis of the files held in the CIA, while it administered the program as well as in DIA. The study should also address the compliance of the program with Congressional direction.
- ♦ The DCI's declassification committee should review the history and nature of this program to determine what parts of it may be declassified and be converted into an open-world activity.
- ♦ The Director of DIA is requested to initiate further contacts with individuals involved in the Russian program to establish an open-world, declassified activity of cooperation between the two programs and report to the oversight Committees by February 1, 1995 on the results of his initiatives in this regard.

Prior to the letting of contracts with outside entities, the Committee requests to be notified according to established notification procedures.

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In the post-cold war era, the nature and activities of the STARGATE Program are more relevant to the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency Program (CIAP) than the military intelligence services. Therefore, the conferees direct the Director of DIA to transfer ten civilian billets and \$500,000 that are currently dedicated to the STARGATE program to the CIAP. The transfer of STARGATE resources and management to the CIAP should be completed by July 1, 1995. The conferees direct the DCI to submit a status report to the appropriate committees by March 1, 1995. The report must include 1) management strategy; 2) transfer status; and 3) identification of a program manager. The directions for STARGATE included in the Senate report are adopted by the conferees.

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